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SUBJ: AID TO INDIA: PUBLIC POSTURE

1. TODAY'S INDIAN PRESS IS FULL OF REPORTS ON PARKER'S TESTIMONY BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE. MOST OF THE REPORTS STATE THAT PARKER INDICATED THAT IF THE GOI WERE TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE, PROBLEMS COULD BE WORKED OUT. WARREN UNNA'S REPORT IN THE STATESMAN WENT FURTHER AND QUOTING STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID THAT M.G. KAUL HAD TOLD USG IN PARIS THAT GOI WOULD SOON PRESENT SPECIFIC AID REQUESTS.

2. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT INDIAN PRESS INQUIRIES BUT CAN EXPECT US AND THIRD COUNTRY PRESS QUESTIONS. WE DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A POSITION WHERE WE EITHER AFFIRM OR DENY THE EXISTENCE OF A SPECIFIC GOI AID REQUEST. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE WILL LIMIT ANY COMMENT TO "NO AID TALKS ARE PRESENTLY UNDERWAY OR SCHEDULED" AND IF PUSHED, "WE DO NOT WANT TO SPECULATE ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS". IF SPECIFICALLY ASKED "HAS THE GOI ASKED FOR RESUMED US AID", WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO STATE "THE GOI HAS INDICATED THAT IT WOULD WELCOME RESUMPTION OF U.S. AID".

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3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT EXPECT THAT THE GOI WILL HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE HOUSE TESTIMONY OR OUR SUGGESTED PRESS LINE SINCE THERE IS AGREEMENT THAT NO TALKS SHOULD BE HELD UNTIL CONGRESSIONAL REACTION BECOMES CLEARER.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE ON CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO THE AID PROGRAM.
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